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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <b>Bishops Lot</b>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>South side Houcks Mill Rd., 1/4 mile east of Harford County Line</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Monkton</b>				
STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		COUNTY: <b>Harford</b>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <b>Mr. and Mrs. John M. Edwards</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Houcks Mill Rd.</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Monkton</b>		STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <b>Harford County Courthouse</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Belair</b>		STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house on Bishops Lot is of stone,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  storeys high, without a cellar, three bays in length, with a flush chimney above the west gable, constructed of brick above the gabled roof. A smooth stone, probably soapstone, immediately below the chimney in the west gable end, appears to be carved with initials and numbers, and the date 1831 is said to be included; the letters and numbers are not discernable from the ground.

The house has been much altered. On the north, or road, side, a door appears to have been approximately centered, flanked by a single window in each flanking bay. All of these openings have been closed, replaced by a very wide, modern multiple-window opening. On the south side, the centered door has been converted to a window, and a larger, well-designed contemporary frame addition extends to the south behind a two story frame wing of recent, but traditional, design which stands east of the stone section over a modern block-walled basement. The stone section has no fourth stone wall against this later two storey section, which is said to replace an old log section, now completely removed. Although the log section is said to be an addition to the stone, the lack of a fourth stone wall suggests that the stone section was an addition to the log. Of course, the non-existent fourth wall may have been taken down at any time, so no positive determination can be made regarding the sequence of construction.

Internally, the stone section has one room on each floor; the entire interior has been reconstructed with modern materials, but the second storey fireplace, with its out-of-level arch and whitewashed stone, appears original. In the tiny attic, the oak rafters are half-lapped and pegged at their ridge, and some very wide, early roof sheathing remains. No early nails are visible.

The stone section of this house measures  $22\frac{1}{2}$  feet by 23 feet.

South of the house stands a small stone smokehouse with a gabled roof.

James T. Wollon, Jr.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bishops Lot is a stone house in which a datestone with the date 1831 appears, but the origin of which is uncertain.

This house is located on lot number 18. At the 1782 sale, this land was sold to Clement Sharret. (-1) No patent for this land has been found to exist and the ownership during this period of time is unclear. Local legend suggests that this was the property of Robert Nelson. He had demonstrable title to other lots in the area, including lots 19, 22, 24 and 25. In the 1798 Direct Federal Tax Assessment, Robert Nelson is shown to own 466 acres which should include lot number 18 among others. (-2) In that survey there is notation on this house evaluated at \$400.00 which is out of keeping for the structure known to exist. Local residents remember a log house on the east end of the stone structure which was torn down in recent times and replaced by the modern structure.

The first part of the modern structure was built by Peter Winants and has been completed and the stone section renovated by the present residents, Mrs. and Mrs. John M. Edwards.

The name Bishop does not appear on any of the Brerewood leases, the residents listed by Henry Harford as being arrears in rent, nor in any of the confiscation sales.

## References:

1. Salebook of Confiscated British Property 1781-85, pp. 55, 56.
2. Harford County, Bush River Upper and Edin Hundreds, p. 22.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **7.5 acres**

## Acreage Justification:

Acreage owned by present resident is adequate to  
insure preservation of immediate environment

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <b>R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.</b>		DATE: <b>January 1975</b>
ORGANIZATION: <b>My Lady's Manor Association</b>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Rt. 1, Box 42</b>		
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Monkton</b>	STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

## PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: <b>U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map, Phoenix Quadrangle, Maryland</b>			
SCALE: <b>1:24,000</b>			
DATE: <b>1957</b>			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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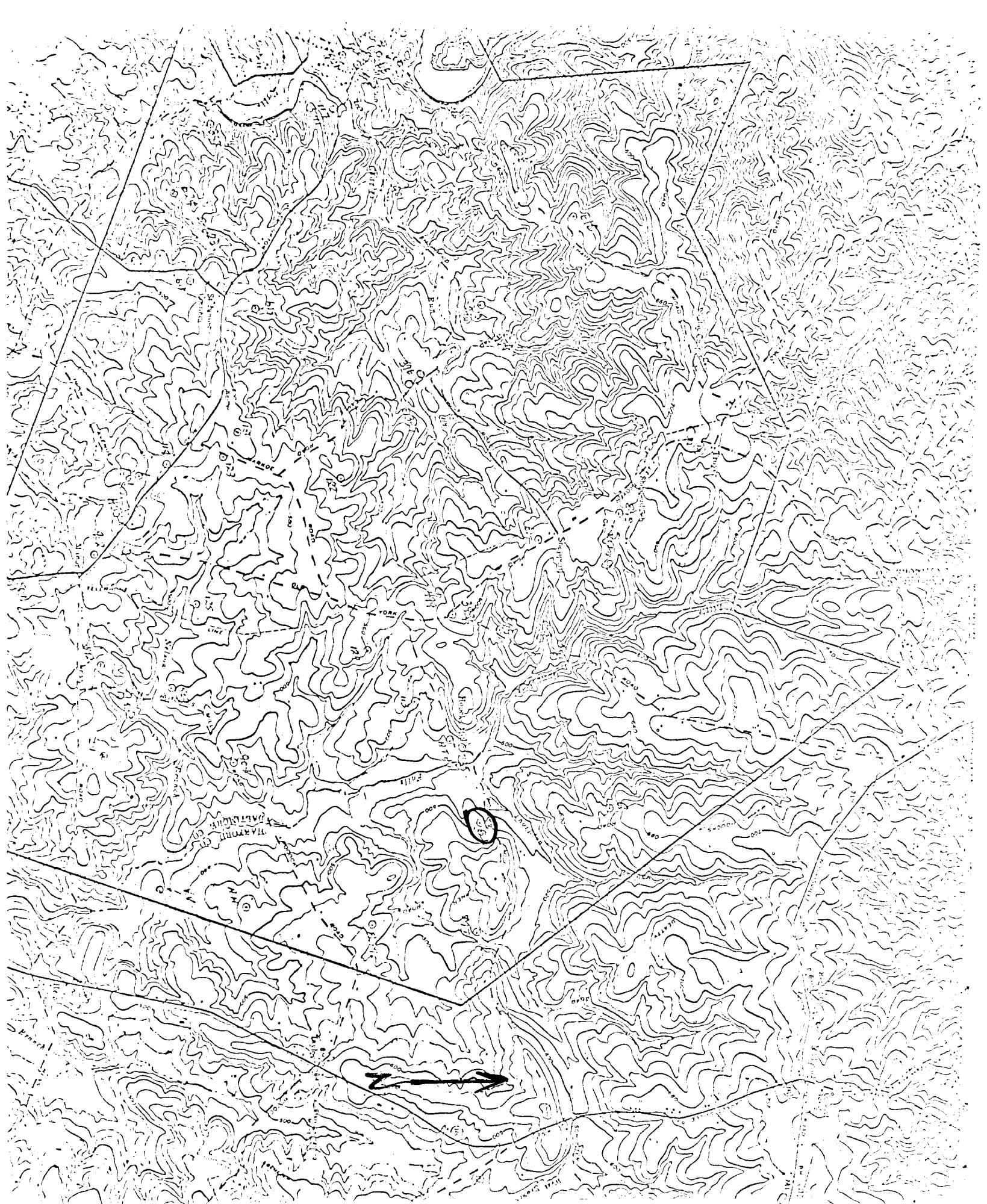
## PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: <b>R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.</b>			
DATE OF PHOTO: <b>January 1975</b>			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b>			
<b>21 State Circle, Annapolis, Md.</b>			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
<b>North (front) facade</b>			



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BISHOP'S LOT